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H. R. 3383

To amend the Weir Farm National Historic Site Establishment Act of 1990 to authorize the limited acquisition of additional acreage for the historic site to permit the development of visitor and administrative facilities and to authorize the appropriation of additional amounts for the acquisition of real and personal property.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 5, 1998

Mr. MALONEY of Connecticut introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Resources

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. WEIR FARM NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE, CON-**
4 **NECTICUT.**

5 (a) ACQUISITION OF LAND FOR VISITOR AND ADMIN-
6 ISTRATIVE FACILITIES.—Section 4 of the Weir Farm Na-

1 tional Historic Site Establishment Act of 1990 (Public
2 Law 101–485; 104 Stat. 1171; 16 U.S.C. 461 note) is
3 amended by adding at the end the following new sub-
4 section:

5 “(d) ACQUISITION OF LAND FOR VISITOR AND AD-
6 MINISTRATIVE FACILITIES; LIMITATIONS.—(1) In order
7 to preserve and maintain the historic setting and character
8 of the historic site, the Secretary may acquire not more
9 than 15 additional acres for the development of visitor and
10 administrative facilities for the historic site. The property
11 acquired under the authority of this paragraph may be
12 contiguous or in close proximity to the parcels described
13 in subsection (b). The acquired property shall be included
14 within the boundaries of the historic site and shall be oper-
15 ated and maintained as part of the historic site.

16 “(2) The Secretary shall keep development of the
17 property acquired under paragraph (1) to a minimum so
18 that the character of the acquired property is similar to
19 the natural and undeveloped landscape of the parcels de-
20 scribed in subsection (b). Any parking area for the result-
21 ing visitor and administrative facilities shall not exceed 30
22 spaces. Items sold in the visitor facilities shall be limited
23 to educational and interpretive materials related to the
24 purpose of the historic site and shall not include food.

1 “(3) Prior to and as a prerequisite to any develop-
2 ment of visitor and administrative facilities on the prop-
3 erty acquired under paragraph (1), the Secretary shall
4 enter into one or more agreements with the appropriate
5 zoning authority of the town of Ridgefield and the town
6 of Wilton for the purposes of—

7 “(A) developing the parking, visitor, and ad-
8 ministrative facilities for the historic site; and

9 “(B) managing bus traffic to the historic site,
10 which will include limiting parking for large tour
11 buses to an offsite location.”.

12 (b) INCREASE IN MAXIMUM ACQUISITION AUTHOR-
13 ITY.—Section 7 of such Act (104 Stat. 1173) is amended
14 by striking “\$1,500,000” and inserting “\$4,000,000”.

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